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SUBJECT: Developments in Europe

1. [redacted] the following information concerning developments among American deserter groups abroad:

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A. The American Deserter Committee (ADC) in Sweden split into two factions some months ago, apparently over the amnesty issue. One group under the direction of Michael POWERS and his girl friend Bodil NILSSON has "left the mainstream" and has become, in effect, a KIM Il Sung study group concerned with "Third World" issues, supporting and praising KIM Il Sung and other matters seemingly remote from amnesty.

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B. A second group, "Up From Exile" (UFE) under the leadership of Lew SIMON and George CARRENO is currently addressing itself directly to the amnesty issue. (Comment: Initially POWERS broke away from ADC and formed the "April 15th Study Group," honoring KIM Il Sung's birthday. SIMON continued the ADC. When SIMON formed UFE, POWERS again adopted the name of the ADC.) Currently there is considerable animosity between the ADC and UFE, even though POWERS and SIMON were formerly good friends.

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C. A third group in Stockholm -- "The Revolutionary American People's Party" -- is equally disliked by the ADC and UFE. It appears completely detached from the amnesty movement. (No additional details are available.)

D. An "American Exile Newsletter" is currently being printed in Stockholm and it is composed of articles contributed by local organizations. The office of the

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newsletter is located at KFUM (YMCA), Birger Jarlsgatan 27, Telephone 204-729.

E. SIMON and CARRENO allegedly visited Canada in the recent past. (Comment: The exact date is not known.) CARRENO was able to visit the United States at that time because his conviction had been overturned in the courts. SIMON did not attempt to enter the United States and remained in Canada. [redacted]

[redacted] SIMON is personally willing to accept punishment if he returns to the United States but that he maintains this course of action is unacceptable as a "practical position" for UFE.

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F. [redacted] organizations concerned with the amnesty question, including:

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- (1) UFE which is the European Coordinator;
- (2) AMEX which is the Canadian Coordinator, located at P. O. Box 187, Station D, Toronto; and
- (3) The Safe Return Committee which is the American Coordinator, located at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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